

YACHT COURT WILL THINK

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No one knows, not even the members of the New York Yacht Club Court of Inquiry, what the decision on Dunraven's charges against Defender will be. The members have not consulted since the conclusion of the testimony at 11:30 a. m. yesterday. William C. Whitney said:

"It will be some days before any definite report can be made; nothing is ready yet, and I do not believe that we can arrange the matter in less than a week. A great deal of evidence must be gone over very carefully."

E. J. Phelps said: "I do not think that any report will be made for several days. The decision will be made public as soon as possible; all the evidence is in, and will be acted upon at once. The evidence will have to be gone over very thoroughly before any decision can be arrived at."

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Miss Marie Studholme, looking as dainty as a bit of Sèvres, visited the Stock Exchange yesterday afternoon. She was received with cheers, and told that she was at liberty to do anything she pleased with the market and the members.

Her two escorts were very proud of her. Harry Mann, who has the finest side whiskers cast of Syracuse, had charge of the expedition, while her second escort was a young man with a light mustache and an expression of tenderness in his gaze that was intensely pathetic. The three followed their way through the throng in the gallery and took a position opposite the Sugar board. Miss Studholme stood on the floor and peered down into the pit, just as General Watson used to look up. General Watson used to look up the Connecticut militia, and learned gallantry at the State encampment at Xantic years ago. Lifting his hat he called out, "Happy New Year, You're twice as sweet as the sugar itself."

Miss Studholme smiled, while Sugar dropped two points. The general's discovery was the signal for much excitement on the floor.

"Hurray for the Artist's Model!" shouted Billy Montague, and two hundred brokers howled for the little actress.

Still, at 3 o'clock, the closing hour, there reigned the beating of tom-toms, and the tooting of horns, and when, ten minutes after the little woman started to leave the building, a great chorus of volleys wished her the happiest kind of a New Year.

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HOUSE BLOWN DOWN IN BROOKLYN.

Carpenters in Long Island City Failed to Secure the Framework of a House, and It Was Broken in Pieces—Damage in New Jersey.

The storm which struck this city at 11 o'clock yesterday morning managed in that time to do a great amount of damage. For an hour the speed of the wind was seventy-two miles. It was accompanied by heavy rain, which it hurled in sheets against buildings, smashing windows, carrying off skylights, and destroying business signs by scores.

One of the large windows of Rogers, Peet & Co's store, Broadway and Thirty-second street, was crushed in as though it had been hit by a battering ram. An immense awning in front of the Empire Theatre, at Broadway and Fortieth street, was ripped into ribbons. Windows were broken in

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A plate glass window in the Excelsior Knitting Works, at No. 1089 Myrtle avenue, was blown in shortly before 3 a. m. yesterday. At about the same time the big window of Charles Britner's establishment, No. 160 Myrtle avenue, was crushed by the force of the wind and rain.

An awning was torn from the front of the store window at No. 1629, owned by Joseph Scholtes.

The Fifth avenue and Fifteenth street trolley line, and the Gates avenue line, were stopped for some time by the falling poles. By the leading of an electric wire at Bushwick avenue and Ten Eyck street, into the street, a section of the line was plunged into darkness from 2:30 a. m. until daybreak. The police reported that ten trees were blown down in various parts of the city and that many houses and other buildings were destroyed in South and West Brooklyn.

STORM IN JERSEY CITY. Two Roofs Were Blown Off and a Frame House Wrecked. Hudson County, N. J., felt the force of the storm considerably. In Jersey City roofs were blown off, chimneys sent tumbling into the street and many plate glass windows broken.

The houses No. 181 and 188 Montgomery street, owned by Philip Martin and occupied by several families, were so badly wrecked that the occupants fled to the street. The tin roofs of both houses were rolled up, then the board roof underneath was ripped up and sent flying through the air and the chimneys quickly followed. Wooden joists 5x12 inches thick were snapped asunder and several sent flying into the street. The damage here was reported as being estimated at \$2,000.

The cornice of a large furniture house on Newark avenue became loosened, and, after being in the air for some time, fell in a crash into the street. A piece of it struck a twenty-five-foot plate glass window in a drug store on the opposite side of the street and shattered it. Garfield avenue sewer, but recently completed, broke at the Morris street dock, between Fulton and Woodlawn avenues.

In Bayonne the greatest damage done was by the blowing down of a three-story frame house owned by Peter Zeik, being blown down. Trees were uprooted, and several chimneys were blown down.

The four-deck steamboat Adirondack, owned by the People's Line, and in course of construction at the Fletcher Iron Works, 207 of Thirtieth street, Hoboken, was struck by the storm and \$3,000 damage was done. A big mast was snapped off, and the boom was blown on the third and fourth decks destroyed.

The waves ran high along the river front. Shortly after 6 a. m. the canalboat Mary of the Jersey City Marine C. C. T. Co. was blown up by a heavy sea, and Captain Peterson, fifty-four years old, was killed. The boat was blown up in the last of the storm, and the crew were when the cold water, poured down from the sky, was taken on after swimming around.

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Newport's Rough Experience. Newport, R. I., Dec. 31.—A high wind came up early this morning and caused destruction all along the water front. The water washed out upon the roof of the contractor's house on the water front. In the harbor broke drift and one or two catboats were sunk.

Church Spires Blown Down. Ellsworth, Me., Dec. 31.—An exceedingly high tide and heavy wind this morning caused damage in Ellsworth and vicinity estimated at fully \$2,500. Several vessels were reported ashore in Surry Bay. In spite of the Congregational Church was blown down and a number of cellars were flooded.

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